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CHIEF GAME WARDEN**

(Fiscal Year, July 1, 1929—June 30, 1930)

*Honorable John G. Richards, Governor, and the Members of the
General Assembly of South Carolina.*

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in herewith submitting to you Financial Statement of the South Carolina Game and Fish Department for the fiscal year July 1, 1929—June 30, 1930; also, a few recommendations which, in my opinion, will better the efficiency of this Department and also increase the game and fish of the State. I make as recommendations and suggestions the following:

1. That a reasonable fishing license be required of the residents of South Carolina, exempting women and minors when they are accompanied by a member of the family who is the holder of a fishing license. At the present time the laws of South Carolina require a license of \$10.25 of non-residents of the State to fish in South Carolina. Both of our sister States, North Carolina and Georgia, have a closed season on fishing during certain months and, at this time, Georgians and North Carolinians use South Carolina as a fishing ground. It is impossible for a Game Warden to tell whether or not a person is a non-resident unless the residents of the State are also identified with a fishing license button. A person from another State fishing in one county in South Carolina can easily claim that he is a resident of some other South Carolina county, but if we had the resident fishing license the fisherman would be identified and described as to exactly who he was and where he came from. This would mean a decided increase in the collections from non-resident fishermen. At the present time enforcement of the fishing laws are being paid for by the hunters and no fishermen contributing anything in a financial way to protection of the fish. I am positive that the sportsmen of South Carolina, who are fond of fishing, would be most willing to pay a reasonable license in order to secure them better fishing in the future.

2. I recommend a bag limit on game fish that no person catch or have in possession over twenty-five (25) game fish during any one day.

3. I recommend a size limit on all game fish, making it illegal to take from the waters fish under a certain size of each species.

4. I recommend that no nets be used in the clear water streams of the State under five and one-half inch mesh. The use of a five and one-half inch mesh net would not interfere with the shad fishermen and, on the other hand, would not catch any game fish to amount to anything.

5. I recommend that an Act be passed to give Game Wardens the right to search, without a search warrant, any hunter's or fishermen's bag.

6. I recommend that all money collected from either hunters or fishermen be used solely for protection, propagation and reclamation of game and fish.

7. I recommend that a bounty be offered on the heads of all birds and animals destructive to game and that the said bounty be paid out of the game protection fund, which fund is derived from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and fines.

8. I recommend that all State owned lands be used as sanctuaries where game birds and animals may breed unmolested.

9. I request that all railroads operating in South Carolina would set aside their right-of-ways as game refuges or sanctuaries. If every railroad right-of-way through South Carolina could be converted into a game refuge, a sanctuary greater than the area of the State's owned land would be the result. I realize the impracticality of asking the railroads not to cut the grass along the right-of-ways eliminating fire hazards, but when the section foremen supervise this work they could easily save much bird feed. If they would exercise caution when the cutting is done in the spring they could prevent the destruction of thousands of small birds and especially Bobwhite quail nests. This is merely a suggestion that would have to have the co-operation of the proper railway officials.

10. We are building many miles of paved roads through South Carolina. I would suggest that the Highway Department, instead of using joint or wire grass for binders, use lespedeza, commonly known as wild clover. This is a great bird

feed and not at all injurious to farming lands, as wire grass is. Lespedeza is a cover crop and beneficial to the land. I do not believe it would be much of an expenditure to try this experiment.

I herewith submit to you the financial report of the collections and expenditures of the State Game Department for the past season.

Respectfully yours,

A. A. RICHARDSON,
Chief Game Warden.

Hon. Albert S. Fant,
State Bank Examiner,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the law, we have audited the accounts of the Chief Game Warden, Columbia, South Carolina, covering the period beginning July 1st, 1929, and ending June 30, 1930.

The records of this Department were found to be in their usual good condition and the clerical work of an excellent character. The office force is to be commended for their neat and accurate work.

Reference to our comparative statement on page 13 shows that there has been a considerable increase in the revenue in this Department during the past year, this increase amounting to \$27,344.63. Of special interest in this connection is an increase in fines from \$9,537.00 for the year 1928-1929 to \$17,658.00 for the year 1929-1930, indicating that the Department has been vigorous in its enforcement of the game laws.

In other respects the work of this Department is progressing normally and apparently in a very satisfactory manner. Our report is inclosed herewith and shows a full accounting for all cash of record and licenses and fur tags handled.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
State Auditor.

Columbia, S. C.,
August 5th, 1930.

SEASON 1929-1930 (July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930)

County	County Licenses Sold	State Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses Sold	Fines	Number Cases	Confiscated Game and Fish Sold	13% Dog of Law	Dividends	Amounts Paid on Old Accounts	Scientific Permits	Breeders Licenses	Fur Tags	Total Business
Abbeville	1,836.00	\$519.00	1,635.00	\$924.00	\$150.00	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$78.90	\$2,603.90
Aiken	1,753.00	1,335.00	1,450.00	18.00	708.00	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$7.50	71.35	6,433.85
Akendale	500.00	474.00	450.00	.....	75.00	15	\$1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	132.30	1,653.50
Anderson	4,565.00	1,500.00	.....	.....	390.00	15	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.10	6,546.35
Bamberg	1,438.00	957.00	75.00	21.00	910.00	24	8.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	1,034.60	4,446.35
Barnwell	670.00	480.00	105.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135.95	1,421.70
Beaufort	801.00	747.00	2,805.00	381.00	550.00	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	396.70	5,685.70
Berkeley	951.00	255.00	1,800.00	.....	50.00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	192.10	3,680.00
Calhoun	966.00	516.00	75.00	.....	180.00	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	619.00	1,930.00
Charleston	1,984.00	3,651.00	1,515.00	.....	595.00	22	8.65	.....	\$35.55	.....	\$5.00	.....	492.65	8,211.81
Cherokee	2,661.00	582.00	75.00	3.00	174.00	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.95	3,939.95
Chester	1,830.00	828.00	45.00	174.00	440.00	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174.00	3,037.00
Chesterfield	1,029.00	510.00	480.00	144.00	75.00	8	6.50	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	37.90	2,284.90
Clarendon	1,648.00	750.00	390.00	21.00	875.00	45	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,911.85	5,610.85
Colleton	1,349.00	702.00	1,215.00	15.00	695.00	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	1,293.55	5,272.05
Darlington	1,955.00	753.00	45.00	.....	75.00	3	16.00	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	38.65	1,985.15
Dillon	473.00	381.00	45.00	75.00	10.00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	579.35	1,563.35
Dorchester	951.00	780.00	1,290.00	.....	485.00	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	340.95	2,762.20
Edgefield	1,625.00	795.00	330.00	51.00	125.00	5	4.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84.80	3,015.80
Fairfield	1,966.00	504.00	75.00	6.00	700.00	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.50	3,357.50
Flournoe	1,343.00	2,907.00	285.00	.....	205.00	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,130.80	5,870.80
Georgetown	1,093.00	645.00	2,385.00	.....	1,280.00	25	10.00	.....	64.15	\$35.00	.....	.....	988.75	6,490.90
Greenville	4,107.00	4,161.00	15.00	.....	435.00	18	.....	52.38	.....	.....	1.00	.....	70.65	8,842.03
Greenwood	2,114.00	1,334.00	1,545.00	156.00	75.00	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102.30	4,293.30
Hampton	744.00	1,314.00	630.00	144.00	360.00	14	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	366.25	4,297.00
Horry	2,651.00	819.00	2,400.00	93.00	975.00	33	20.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,208.00	6,457.50
Jasper	1,132.00	432.00	795.00	60.00	1,025.00	32	.....	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	296.50	4,689.50
Kershaw	1,172.00	309.00	30.00	3.00	160.00	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87.30	2,882.30
Lancaster	4,513.00	1,983.00	135.00	.....	820.00	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	152.15	6,698.45
Lee	511.00	405.00	.....	.....	70.00	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	235.00	1,366.00
Lexington	1,837.00	2,334.00	.....	.....	455.00	20	.50	.....	40.71	.....	.....	10.00	33.95	4,737.16

SEASON 1929-1930 (July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930) (Continued)

County	County Licenses Sold	State Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses Sold	Fines	Number Cases	Confiscated Game and Fish Sold	15% Dog of Law Fines	Dividends	Amounts Paid on Old Accounts	Scientific Permits	Breeders Licenses	Fur Tags	Total Business
McCormick	926.00	219.00	165.00	12.00	75.00	35	55.10	..	..	..	..	..	50.15	1,282.15
Marion	1,079.00	1,050.00	138.00	138.00	885.00	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	433.85	3,805.95
Marlboro	1,240.00	1,402.00	105.00	33.00	125.00	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.55	1,921.55
Newberry	2,201.00	1,407.00	..	..	75.00	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	89.05	3,772.05
Oconee	2,627.00	2,882.00	..	12.00	385.00	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	182.75	3,488.75
Orangeburg	3,244.00	2,670.00	195.00	..	890.00	34	6.60	..	..	..	..	2.50	831.00	7,889.10
Pickens	1,573.00	690.00	..	..	150.00	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	107.85	2,520.85
Richland	2,064.00	5,235.00	630.00	294.00	385.00	16	5.00	..	1,008.51	..	2.00	..	548.65	10,112.16
Saluda	1,587.00	609.00	..	..	275.00	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	102.05	2,573.05
Spartanburg	5,438.00	2,574.00	..	..	345.00	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	73.15	8,930.15
Sumter	1,324.00	984.00	210.00	..	130.00	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	244.10	2,897.10
Union	1,824.00	843.00	15.00	..	75.00	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	87.25	2,844.25
Williamsburg	1,107.00	969.00	33.00	..	385.00	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	170.10	4,299.10
York	3,324.00	1,083.00	420.00	501.00	270.00	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	181.45	5,773.45
Totals	\$81,891.00	\$52,890.00	\$23,970.00	\$3,252.00	\$17,658.00	678	\$181.21	\$114.33	\$1,148.92	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$57.50	\$15,566.50	\$196,766.46

APPROPRIATION FOR CHIEF GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

(Calendar Year, January 1, 1930 to December 31, 1930)

SECTION 41. CHIEF GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

Item 1. Superintendence and Records:

A. Personal Service:

A-1. *Salaries*:

Chief Game Warden	\$ 4,000.00
Chief Clerk	3,000.00
Part Time Assistant Clerk	600.00

B. Contractual Services:

B- 1. Freight, Express and Deliveries	25.00
B- 2. Travel	2,500.00
B- 3. Telegraph and Telephone	250.00
B- 4. Repairs	725.00

C. Supplies:

C- 4. Office Supplies and Stamps	1,350.00
C- 9. Motor Vehicle and Supplies	1,200.00
C-12. Other Supplies	25.00

D. Fixed Charges and Contributions:

D- 4. Insurance and Bonds	600.00
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G. Equipment:

G- 1. Office Equipment	150.00
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Total (Item 1) Superintendence and Records ...	<u>\$14,425.00</u>
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Item 2. Enforcing License Tax on Fur Dealers:

A. Personal Service:

A- 1. *Salaries*:

Clerical Help	\$ 2,700.00
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B. Contractual Services:

B- 1. Freight, Express and Deliveries	25.00
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C. Supplies:

C- 4. Office Supplies	725.00
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Total (Item 2) Enforcing License Tax on Fur	
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Dealers	\$ 3,450.00
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Total (Chief Game Warden)	\$17,875.00
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Provided, That the money appropriated in this section shall be paid from the Game Protection Fund.

FOLLOWING IS LIST OF GAME WARDENS
IN CHARGE OF THE COUNTIES

COUNTY	GAME WARDEN	P. O. ADDRESS
Abbeville	C. E. Branyon	Honea Path, R. F. D. 3
Aiken	C. Hayes Weeks	Aiken
Allendale	W. A. Chavous	Allendale
Anderson	Ray Fisher	Honea Path, R. F. D. 2
Bamberg	C. L. Bessinger	Bamberg
Barnwell	Angus Patterson	Barnwell
Beaufort	Hal G. Heyward	Hardeeville
Berkeley	John W. Hill	Moncks Corner
Calhoun	L. R. Arant	Fort Motte
Charleston	V. S. Sloan	Charleston
Cherokee	Roland T. Clary	Cowpens, R. F. D. 2.
Chester	Jesse H. Hardin	Chester
Chesterfield	Geo. H. McManus	Jefferson
Clarendon	W. S. Plowden	Manning
Colleton	S. M. Crosby	Walterboro
Darlington	B. A. Marshall	Hartsville
Dillon	E. T. Elliott	Dillon
Dorchester	J. B. Meyer	Summerville
Edgefield	A. M. Clark	Johnston
Fairfield	D. A. Crawford	Winnsboro
Florence	J. Mack Humphrey	Timmons ville, R. F. D.
Georgetown	B. O. Bourne	Georgetown
Greenville	J. O. Lewis	Greenville
Greenwood	Geo. T. Lomax	Greenwood
Hampton	J. H. Zeigler	Estill
Horry	G. F. Outlaw	Myrtle Beach, R. F. D.
Jasper	J. W. Wall	Ridgeland
Kershaw	F. L. Munn	Bethune, R. F. D.
Lancaster	O. S. Porter	Lancaster
Laurens	F. W. Little	Laurens
Lee	H. A. Moore	Bishopville
Lexington	L. V. Spires	New Brookland, R. F. D.
McCormick	H. W. Bailey	Modoc
Marion	H. L. Ayres	Nichols
Marlboro	F. M. Stanton	Bennettsville
Newberry	John P. Livingston	Newberry
Oconee	J. F. Hedden	West Union
Orangeburg	D. F. Livingston	Orangeburg
Pickens	W. D. Sitton	Easley
Richland	V. F. Funderburk	Columbia
Saluda	L. W. Blease	Saluda
Spartanburg	M. Hart	Greer, R. F. D.

GAME WARDENS IN CHARGE AF COUNTIES—Cont'd.

COUNTY	GAME WARDEN	P. O. ADDRESS
Sumter	J. L. Brogdon	Sumter, R. F. D. 1
Union	J. Haskell Thomas	Union
Williamsburg	A. R. Moseley	Salters Depot
York	Ben Farris	York, S. C.

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